

# *The State of Maryland*

## Executive Department

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2009.15

#### Declaration of Emergency Emergency Medical Services Staffing for Maryland's H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Campaign

- WHEREAS, On June 25, 2009, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issued a declaration under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) identifying FDA approved 2009 H1N1 Influenza A vaccines as covered countermeasures;
- WHEREAS, On September 28, 2009, DHHS issued an additional declaration to provide liability protection for those administering the vaccines and to otherwise facilitate emergency immunization campaigns authorized by State and federal officials;
- WHEREAS, Through a wide array of public and private sector providers, Maryland is instituting a Statewide vaccination campaign designed to meet the needs of all residents including the 2.9 million Marylanders identified as priority populations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advise that an emergency exists within the entire State of Maryland as a result of the existence of a pandemic influenza outbreak in the State of Maryland and surrounding jurisdictions;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Management Agency advises that there may be the need to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;
- WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to assure adequate staffing for vaccination sites across the State and to make full use of all trained health care providers who are willing and able to support the vaccination campaign; and

WHEREAS,

A significant number of trained health care personnel are available to expand staffing at H1N1 clinics, including emergency medical technicians and paramedics who now routinely provide vaccinations to public safety personnel, pursuant to Section 13-516(g) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOW THEREFORE,

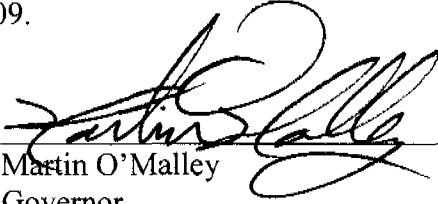
I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AUTHORITY, DURING THIS EMERGENCY PERIOD, TO ENGAGE, DEPLOY AND COORDINATE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND I PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Pursuant to Section 14-107(d)(1) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and notwithstanding Section 13-516(g) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and other State regulatory requirements, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedics and Cardiac Rescue Technicians licensed by the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board are hereby authorized to administer 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine to public safety personnel, health care providers, and members of the general public subject to such rules as are established by the EMS Board.

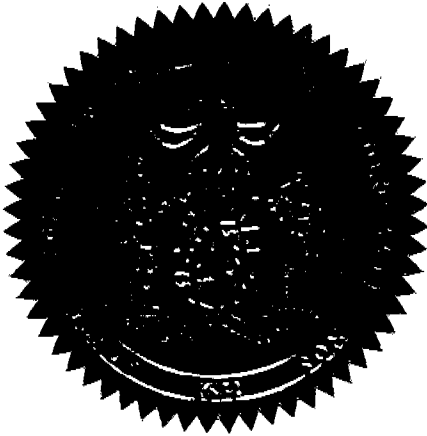
B. Consistent with the authority under Section 18-902 of the Health-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Section 5-629 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may authorize additional categories of health care providers to administer 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

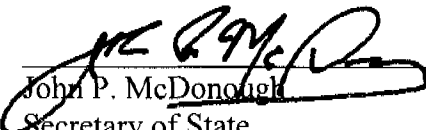
provided that such individuals are deemed to have the training and experience necessary to provide these services in a safe and effective manner.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

  
Martin O'Malley  
Governor

ATTEST:



  
John P. McDonough  
Secretary of State